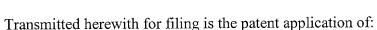


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Enclosed are:

35 pages of specification, claims, abstract. Declaration and Power of Attorney. Priority Claimed. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-026624 16 sheets of formal drawing. An assignment of the invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD. and the assignment recordation fee. An associate power of attorney. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27. Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference. Return Receipt Postcard

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